

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

- Please replace the paragraph on page 1, spanning lines 22-30, with the following paragraph:

Many attempts have been made to improve the adhesion of a DLC coating to the substrate for example by using an intermediate layer between the substrate and the DLC coating. An example of such an attempt comprises the use of a diamond-like nanocomposite (DLN) layer as intermediate layer between the substrate and the DLC layer as described in WO 98/33948.

Diamond-like nanocomposite coatings comprise C, H, O and Si. Generally, DLN coatings comprise two interpenetrating networks a-C:H and a-SiO<sub>2</sub>. DLN ~~coating~~ **coatings** are commercially known as ~~Dylyn®~~ **DYLYN®** coatings **(Diamond-Like Nanocomposite Coatings)**.